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COTTON.

The latest prices in the Charleston market were from 5 to 7 cts.

SUMTER CELEBRATION.

The 17th, the day fixed for the Festival in honor of Company A., "The Sumters." of The Palmetto Regiment, was celebrated at Sumterville with all the honorable feeling and appropriatenes which characterizes the people of St District. The greater part of the day was threatening, and the sky exhibited a lowering appearance." With the slight inconvenience, however, of a shower immediately preceding the ceremonies, the clouds served to temper, the heat of the

During the evening previous, and on the morning of the celebration, visiters poured into the village in great numbers. and it seemed as if the whole district had come forth in congregated masses to do tionor to "The Sumters." Many, too. were present from Kershaw and Richland, and took their full part in the festivities

The Hon. F. J. Moses, our Senator from Claremont, presided with his accustomed efficiency and dignity and welcomed the Palmettoes in a short and fervent address. The Oration was delivered by Samuel Mayrant, Esq., who portraved to the assembled Sumters and members of the Palmetto Regiment present, in vivid and eloquent language, their career and the honors which they had gained. The small remnant of the devoted band stood before him and listened with the dignity of citizen soldiery to the honorable testimonials of their brave conduct and the plaudits of a grateful and admiring re-

The fair daughters of Sumter, too, were present, and graced the honors to stern, manly, valor, with the approving smiles of beauty.

After the close of the oration, the com-pany assembled around the festive board, at the head of which sat the Hon. Senafor Mosss, the President of the day .-Abundance weighed down the tables, and the loud cheering, given to the toasts, testified the spirit, interest, and enthusiasm of the people in the occasion. Upwards of three thousand persons were present, of whom five hundred were ladies.

The Festival throughout, was conducted in a manner worthy of the occasion, and, after a day of great and uninterrupted enjoyment, the people quietly dispersed to their several homes.

Praise is due to the committee for their management, and to Mr. JOHN CHINA, who was employed by them to superineend the immediate preparations for the

## MR. MAYRANT'S ORATION.

The Committee of the "Sumter Celebration" have politely furnished us with a copy of Mr. MAYRANT's oration before "The Sumters", which we shall use our endeavors to present to our readers in our next number.

BALL TO "THE SUMTERS".

The Ball on the 16th, to "The Sumters", was given in the new house of Mr. A. J. Moses, which was generously loaned to the Committee for that purpose, and which was thus ushered into inhabitancy by a ball "in Honor to the returned of the "Sumters."

Nearly fifty ladies were present, and many gentlemen from the District, and the Sumters. Every thing went as merrily as a marriage, and all were highly

To the Committee, to their employee, Mr. Myess, and to Mr. A. J. Moses, the liberal loaner of his new house, are the thanks of the community justly due and awarded, for the amusement of the even-

## THE BUFFALO CONVENTION.

This body has nominated MARTIN VAN BUREN, and CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, son of the late J. Q. ADAMS, as candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the U.S. Thus the geographical lines of hostility to the South are marked, and the party divisions of whig and democrat at the north are merged in the "Free Soil Party."

## THE OREGON BILL.

The Oregon Territorial Bill, with the Wilmot proviso attached, has passed both houses of Congress, and has received the signature of the President. He assigns as his reasons the absolute necessity of a terri-torial government for Oregon, and the fact that the territory lies above 42 degrees, and, therefore, above the line, 36 degrees 30 min. of the celebrated Missouri Compromise.

teers was ushered in by the rising Sun, in all its beauty and splendour, though for time obscured by passing clouds, which threatened to mar the pleasures of the day, but which most happily only sprinkled the earth, thereby allaying the dust and cooling the atmosphere, and which served as a fresh ncentive to enjoyment.

At 11 o'clock the procession consisting of some two thousand persons, with the Sumter Riflemen, Claremont Troop and Cold Water Army as an escort to the remnant of the Palmetto Regiment, who graced the occasion by their presence, preceded by the Sumter Brase Band playing appropriate airs, the whole uner command of the Marshals of the day ceeded to the Grove near the Old Methodist Church to the stand erected for the exercises of the day, where some five hundred or more of the beautions flanguiers of Sumter awaited their errival.

On reaching the stand, the Volunteers

were stationed in front and were received by the How. F. J. Moszs THE PRESIDENT OF THE DAY, in the following feeling and eloquent remarks which were followed with much applause and cheering.

GALLANT SURVIVORS OF A NOBLE BAND: I have been deputed on behalf of your

District, to receive you on your return your native home, a home on whose already distinguished name, you have conferred new lustre, and which receives you into its bosom with the heart-felt pride, which your noble pearing has inspired.

But little more than two years have claps ed, since near this very spot, you were pre-sented with an emblem, in honor of the patriotic avidity with which you hastened to obey the call of your Country. How great the contrast which your diminished ranks, now afford to the proud array of ardent Youths, who then stood ready to receive and defend it. How many who bouyant with high hope and emulous of daring deeds, have met a glorious death in the thickest of the fight, while rallying around the proud Pal-metto of our beloved State.

While to their memories, we render the homage of a tear, to you, their gallant Survivors your District extends the hand of fel lowship, and embalms their names with your own, in its dearest recollection. ome, thrice welcome, to our hearts.

The Reverend JOHN S. RICHARDSON then offered up a fervent and eloquent prayer to the throne of the most high, which lowed by a pariotic, and eloquent Oration delivered by SANL MAYRANT, Esq., and which elicited the most unbounded applause. At the conclusion of the Oration, the whole procession were formed into line, and marched to Dinner where an abundance of good cheer, provided by our worthy townsman
John China Esq. furnished most ample
material for a vigorous attack, preceded by
Grace from Rev. H. D. Green. After the removal of the cloth, the following regular toasts were read by the President of the day repeated by the respective Vice Preside REGULAR TOASTS.

1. The Palmetto Regiment of South Caro lina : Like the tree of our sea shore border, no storm uproots, no lightnin; rives it; but : stands as a bastion around the honor of our State, impervious to the assaults of war, or scythe of time.

2. The memory of Col. P. M. Butler and Lt. Col. J. P. Dickinson: Who fell on "the death bed of fame" the battle field; loftily will the monumental marble tower o'er their graves, but more lasting than marble: on the historic page, and in the grateful remem-brance of the people, shall be the recollection of their patriotic devotion to the Union, and to the State of South Carolina.

3. Col. A. H. Gladden, Lt. Col. Dunovani Major Moffal, high toned gentlemen, and llant officers, deserving command of Palmetto Regiment.

4. The Sumter Volunteers: Gallantly and nobly have they borne themselves through the Battles of Mexico, in the lead of the Pal metto Regiment, acquiring additional glory and renown for Chivalrous South Carolina. Old Sumter opens wide her arms, to receive, welcome, and honor, her brave Sons.

5. Capt. Francis Sumter: Every thing gallant and daring was expected of the decendant of the Old Game Cock of South Cas rolina—he has fought gallantly in Mexico, "as crowed the old Cock so crows the young."

6. Lt. A. C. Spain: At the call of the Country, he was first to breathe the military spirit into the Soldiers of our District, he erved in the confidence of his commanders and deserves the confidence of the people.

7. Lt. Cyrus S. Mellett: High in person high and noble in deeds, and high in the confidence and hope of the people of Sumter

8. Lt. J. D. Blanding: One of the first to enrol his name on the war list of Carolina, one among the last to leave the shores of Mexico—for his gallantry he is entitled to the admiration of his Countrymen.

9. Lt. Thomas M. Baker . An accomplished gentleman and gallant soldier, worthy scion of a patriot stocks duty his guiding star; he follows it in peace, it lighted his path-way on the "tented field."

10. Lt. Sebastian Sumter: Of the good old fighting breed-a gallant and chivalrous

11. Lt. Stephen M. Boykin: A brave man and spirited officer, well deserving of the country, and ever ready at her call.

12. The memory of Murphy, the Wilders and other gallant spirits of "the Sumters" who died in the service of the country-Sumter District mourns for them: but is consoled with the reflection that they have been effer-ed up as a sacrifice on the aller of patriotism.

13. The Ladies: They are our guardian angels—our incentives to noble actions, and deeds of chivalric daring.

On the delivery of the first toast which was received with the most unbounded applause, the whole assembly rose and gave three times three cheers. The marked and solemn silence which prevaded the audience when the second toast was proclaimed testified their grief to the memories of the gallant BUTLER and DICKINSON. Again, cheers loud Our Venerable friend Samuel Chandler; and long went forth in one spontaneous burst. He struck boldly for liberty by the side of

wing letter to the Committee.
Columbia S. C. 8th August 1848.

Columbia S. C. 8th August 1645.

Gendensen: It is with extreme regret, that in consequence of continued ill health, and pressing private engagements I shall be compelled to forego the pidasure of meeting my sellow-citizens of Sumter District at a dinnerte be given in honor of Company A. Palmet to Regiment, S. C. V. at Sumterville on the 17th inst. Nothing I can assure you would efford me more pleasure than to be with you, and to meet my friends of Sumter and fellow soldiers and brother officers of Company A. at the festive board, and I am sorry that I shall be detowred that happiness.

With assurances of my highest esteem

With assurances of my highest est and Respect I am Your Obedient Serva.

A. H. GLADDEN. The 4th and 5th toasts drew forth loud shouts and huzzes and the enthusiasm was not a little heightened and induced by the valving of handkerchiefs and tapping of small delicate hands. Applause loud and long again burst forth on the reception of the 6th toast, and the applause continuing and Lt. Spain making his appearance it was some time before he could return his acknowledgements, which he did in a speech of much beauty and eloquene, concluding with the following sentiment.

The Rank and File of Company A: In Camp or Field, as soldiers inferior to none— "a few more left of the same sort" for any and every emergency at home or abroad.

Cheer after cheer went up at the proclamation of the 7th toast, which was responded to by Lt. MELLETT in a brief but spirited manner, concluding with the following senti-

Saml. Mayrant Esq., the Oralor of Day:
His telents and moral courage and devotion
to the true interest of his Country, entitle
him to the highest honor our District or State
can bestow, but whose independence of
character as yet forbid him to solicit or ac-

The 6th toast was received with much do served applose—the audience regretting the absence of Lt. Blanding, who sent the committee the following letter. .

Washington City August 9th 1848. Gentlemen: It is a source of great disap-continent to me that I am debarred the plea sure of meeting, after so long a separation, my fellow-citizens of Sumter District at the public reception to be given by them to " pany A." "Palmetto Regiment," on the 17th

A positive order cannot be disobeyed; and under such I am now wading 'midst the mire of papers, to be finally freed from the service of Government, with the anxious desire soon to return among those whose respect and good-will it has been my endeavor for years past to obtain, and whose approval of my course through the Mexican Campaign is all that I desire and ask.

With the request that you will express my regrets on the occasion, I will offer you a sentiment, and one in which all will feelingly

"The deceased members of the Palmetto Regiment: May Eternal Peace be the reward of their mortal Campaign—"Peace be with their

Remain Very Respectfully Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant. JAMES D BLANDING.

The 9th toast to Lt. BAKER received the warm and hearty plaudits of the multitude to whom he is much endeared by his modest worth and known patriotism-he gracefully returned his acknowledgements and in conclusion, gave,

Our Native District: Her affection and generosity for her Children prompts to a forgetfulness of faults.

The 10th and 11th toasts were received n a spirited and enthusiastic manner, while the gloom and sorrow depicted on every countenance, at the announcement of the 12th spoke, in language deep tho' not loud, for the gallant dead.

Nine hearty cheers, such only as Sumter boys can give, was the response to the 18th

The following toasts were submitted by he Committee of Arrangements.

General Thomas Sumter: He fought for anil gained us the liberties we enjoy he lived among us a lofty example of Virtue and Patriotism, he is buried in our soil. We revere his memory: yet no obelisk rises to mark the spot where the hero lies and to record his noble deeds. Sumter District should do more than think of this.

Capt James Cantey: In him the high bearing and gallantry of the Soldier is joined with the delicacy of sentiment and modesty of the true gentleman. Sunter District apprecia-

Id. Moye: When swords were plenty and muskets few at the garita of Mexico—he gal-lantly took the most eff-clive weapon and showed that he knew how to fight.

Capt. Cantey and Lt. Moye in speeches of much force, feeling and eloquence, returned thanks concluding by complimentary toute to Sumter District.

Lt. M. Clark: A deserving and gallant officer—he bears on his person the seals of honorable service, in the form of scars receiv-ed in the battles of Mexico.

Lt. Clark briefly responded to the toast in compliment to him, and gave— The Ladies of Sumter District: Fair, patriotic and virtuous: The citizen may flatter,

but the soldier will protect them.

Patrick Leonard: Rather than the flag of the Regiment should trail on Mexican soil, he made his body its shield—all honor and applause to his patriotism—give him a hat in hold, for his conduct is worthy of the highest elements.

Mr. Leonard waved his own hat, returned thanks and gave,

The Flag of the Regiment:—To be the bearer of it for even a moment is as high an honor as any man could crave.

Our Venerable Citizen Capt. Wm. Vaugh.

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One The ardor of the Republican and the soldier still burns his bosom at eighty five, with the same bright flame which carried him charging upon the muzzles of the flashing guns at Eutaue.

Ev Hon, F. J. Moora. Contlent of the Day. The integrant Spirit in functions, which now persuase our national Lag Mature. At gallous warning to the South to shun compromise, and stand to its arms.

Hom Judge Richardson, First President, Being called on, replied in a speech of some length, and of great force and eloquence, dwelling on the glorious exploits of our arms in Mexico, the various battles fought and won, and concluded and cheers and plaudits by giving the following senti-

ment.
The Palmetto Banner: Though torn by the rudest hand of war, yet, incapable of dissolution (as its brave followers to craven, when the battle raged,) its fragments shall be gathered together, and wrought into primal beauty, to form the standard, again and again, for the future chivalry of the Land,—the Land, that wars but to maintain its own dear—bought Independence, consuers but to Land, that wars but to maintain its own dear—bought Independence, conquers but to award the vanquished honorable peace, and prays them the happiness of their own Heaven—protected Government of Sovereign, Free and Independent States.

By Col. Orlando S. Rees. V President: Gen. Taylor: We would have him as an Independent Candidate for the President—But now, with the whig nomination and Filmore saddled to his back, we Bo. Carolina Democrate can have him no mare.

Cass and Butler are our men consistently.

Cass and Butter are our men consistently The Hon. Inc. L. MANNING, One of the Presidents, In consequence of sickness in his household, not being able to attend, sent the following letter to the committee, which, after being read, was received with much applause-

Clarendon, 17th August 1848. Gentlemen: The extreme illness of one of my household, of a deeply afflicting character, prevents me from joining you to day in doing honor to our returned Volunteers. I regret my absence the more, since you have done me the honor to make me one of

the presiding officers at your Festival. No addiery have ever deserved more at the hands of their countrymen, than the Palmetto Regiment: for their career, for a twelvementh past, has shone by a continuous blaze of victory and triumph. Of all of them, none have been more distinguished than the gallant "Sumters," ever mindful of the glorious historical associations, which, like a link.

surround their name.

In all future emergencies, the conduct of the Palmetto Regiment will be an example, so closely to be emulated, as to make each campaign like a forlorn hope to every Carolina soldier; and, long after those shall have passed away, whose victories you are now being wife you on the assembled to honor and celebrate, others, who are to follow them, will have their paths. to glory illumined "by the bright track of Sumaryille, on an their fiery car."

In conclusion, I beg to affer the following sentiment, which, I trust, may not be deemed inappropriate to the occasion.

The recent debates in Congress upon the

Slavery Question: God grant that they may not lead to that fatal result, when we shall be compelled to show to the rest of the world, that, in South Carolina, there are fifty Palmetto Regiments!

I am, Gentlemen, Your friend and fellow citizen,

JOHN L MANNING.

By Col. Jas. REMBERT. One of the V. residents: South Caretina: She loves the mion. But she cannot sacrifice the constitution and her Rights to preserve it.

By M. M. Brisow, Esq. One of the V. Presidents: The Counties of Claremont and Clarendon: Twin Brothers, desended from their common Parent, Summer. In the halls of Legislation and on the reputation of their have nobly sustained the reputation of their ancient and rallant sire.

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By Gen. S. R. CHANDLER. Chief Marhal of the day: The Palmetto Regiment: As Soldiers of the republic, your fame is national As Volunteers of your respective Districts sustained the reputation of your Districts and State! We hall your return to your friends with pride and pleasure! Long may you live to enjoy your rich inheritance.

By Col J. C. RHAME. One of the Mar-

shals: The returned Volunteers: Welcome, thrice welcome to their homes and firesides! May the sympathies and hearty greatings of the present not die with the occasion, but that these brave men, together with the widowed mother and orphans of those whose bones are left to whiten the hills and vales of Mexico, recive a far more substantial token of a generous people.

By T. J. Dinkins, Esq. Of committee of arrangements. "Contreras, Churubusco, and Gartia de Belin": All identified with the prowess and glory of South Carelina.

By the Committee. Hon. J. A. Woodword: Our Representative in Congress—Distinguished alike for his talent and gentlemanly deportment—in him South Carolina has a tearless vindicator of her rights.

By Col M. Mosys. Of committee of Arrangements: The Farmer The chief strength of the Republic. His town Independence an emblem of that of his country. From the mother earth, which with his strong arm he is ever ready to defend, his industry draws the wealth, which supports and sustains the Government.

By Dr. Jos. C. HANNEWERTH. Of commits. May the sympathies and hearty greetings of

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By Dr. Jos. C. Haynsworth. Of committee of Arrangements: Hon. John L. Manning: A highly educated and accomplished gentleman, worthy the highest honors in the gift of the people—he would grace well the gubernatorial chair of our State.

By Capt. John D. Ashmore. Of committee of Arrangements. Sergt. M. J. M. Murphy: Young, manly and noble, he has fallen a sacrifice on the Altar of Patriotism, and, though his fall was not amid the tunuit of Battle, surrained by charging squadrons and solid columns, with the thunder of campon, the clash of steel and the roar of frusketry, yet honor, sternal honor, to his name and memory.

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By Dr. Jony I. Minten. Of Committee

Arrangements: Capt. Jos. D. Blending: I
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his services on the plains of Moxico, he has aided in honoring Sumter District, May the day not be very distant, when she shall honor innt with a seat in the State Legislature.

By W.E. Mallarr. Of Committee of Arrangements: Col. John. L. Manning: In his energy our militia will be renovated, in his firmness our jurisprudence enforced in his talents wise measures and salutary reforms auggested in Legislation. So let him be Governor, and Sumter District will endorse his administration for these results.

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By Rev. Henry D.

the Hon. F. J. Moss.

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I give you as a sentiment.— Marion Sunder: He has main or of his illustrious names. In haste and sincerity, I citizen,

The following letter was received Hon. J. A. WOODWARD:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. D. I.

Gentlemen: Your very kind uses to tation to a linner to be given at Sumit the 17th fust, in honor of Company & Palmetto Regiment, has been received Nothing could be more grateful to mings than to be chie to units with young well merited honor to the remeasurement, that has done so much to lift and signalize the character of the Sumbould, also, have appreciated ways has

whould, also, have appreciated very hig opportunity of social intercourse will friends and fellow-chizens of Sunte trict. But the late day fixed for the acment of congress presents an insur-barrier to the indulgence of my inclin strong so it is. I must, therefore, or myself with sending for the occasio

myself with sending for the occasion this subjoined sentiment.

Be pleased to accept an assume of my kindest regards, so well for yourselves, personally, as for those on whose behalf you act.

Very respectfully,

J. A. WOODWARD.

The District of Sunder. Her brave sens have again consecrated her name, already made fillustrious by him who gave it.

Gav. Johnson: We deaply regret the accident which deprives us of his company to day.

By O. M. Crane of Committee of A ments—Hon. John L. Mannings (The spirited gentleman—the very man to effice of Governor of the State of

By Dr. J. B. Witherspoon. D. Principles: The only principles we preserve and perpetuate our free ing and Gass and Butter fit represent them.

them.

By I. W. Sinckey. Id. A. O. Such With an ardor and zeal worthy of the his praise, he was the very first to kindle the of military ambition in the bosoms of youth of our District, and on the Sazid R at Vers Cruz, he attested with what salls and Patriotism he would rollow and the scountry's dag.

By Col. Stephen Lacoste. The Patriotism and Foremost wherever danged the most appailing difficulties presented the salves. They have well sustinged the arry and the honor of the State. Captain of our own company for his Brasil, gallantty, by rewarded at some the